

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-49 (Cancelled).

Claim 50 (Currently amended). An isolated tetrameric mammalian uricase, wherein ~~greater than 90% of~~ said uricase is in a substantially tetrameric form, and wherein less than 10% of said uricase is in a non-tetrameric aggregated form.

Claim 51 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 50, wherein the uricase is porcine liver, bovine liver or ovine liver uricase.

Claim 52 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 50, wherein the uricase is recombinant.

Claim 53 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 52, wherein the uricase has the sequence of porcine, bovine, ovine or baboon liver uricase.

Claim 54 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 52, wherein the uricase is chimeric.

Claim 55 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 54, wherein the chimeric uricase contains portions of porcine liver and baboon liver uricases.

Claim 56 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 55, wherein the chimeric uricase is pig-baboon chimeric uricase.

Claim 57 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 52, wherein the uricase is recombinant porcine uricase containing lysine in place of arginine at residue number 291 in SEQ ID NO:1 and serine in place of threonine at residue number 301 in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 58 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 52, wherein the uricase has the sequence of baboon liver uricase in which tyrosine 97 in SEQ ID NO:2 has been replaced by histidine.

Claim 59 (Previously presented). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 52, wherein the uricase comprises an amino terminal and a carboxyl terminal, and wherein the uricase is truncated at one terminal or both termini.

Claim 60 (Currently amended). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 50, wherein less than 5% of said uricase is in a non-tetrameric aggregated form ~~at least 95% of said uricase is in a tetrameric form.~~

Claim 61 (Currently amended). The isolated tetrameric uricase of Claim 60, wherein less than 2% of said uricase is in a non-tetrameric aggregated form ~~at least 98% of said uricase is in a tetrameric form.~~